4. Inspecting the facilities, staff, equipment in medical colleges by Medical Council of India to see that they adhere to the stipulated standards.

Shortage of the trained medical personnel in the country

3935. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the share of Indian trained medical personnel to other countries;

(b) whether Government propose to make it compulsory for these personnel to repay all the cost of their State-financed training;

(c) how much foreign exchange the country is earning as a result of migration of these trained medical personnel;

(d) whether Government are contemplating any policy so that the foreign exchange thus earned could be spent on improving heal care facilities of our country; and

(e) whether there is a shortage of the trained medical personnel (doctors and nurses) in the country as a result of such migration ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) According to the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence there were 5887 Indian doctors registered abroad upto 31-12-1991.

(b) There is so such proposal.

(c) No such statistics are available.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no shortage of doctors as such in the country. However, on account of reluctance of doctors to serve in rural areas, a number of posts in Primary Health Centres are vacant. There is a relative shortage of nurses which is attributable to many factors, migration being one of them.

Import of Cineraria Maritima Schwabe eye drops

3936. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Cineraria Maritima Succus/ Schwabe eye drops are not allowed to be marketed in the country of origin Germany ;

(b) if so, how the Cineraria Maritima Schwabe eye drops is allowed for import in contravention of Rule 30B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) According to information received from Health Department, Germany, Cineraria Maritima Succus as a Homoeopathic medication is not available in the FRG but only Cineraria Maritima after the HAB production regulation 2a.

A preparatory monograph on Cineraria Maritima with application field "Grey cataract" compiled by commission on Human Medicine has been notified in Federal Gazette of Germany in January, 1987. This includes application as eye drops.

As such import of Cineraria Maritima Succus of Schwabe is not allowed but there is no contravention *prima facie* of Rule 30b of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, in the import of Cineraria Maritima eye drops (Schwabe).

Study for evaluating the traditional medicinal and health practices in the country

3937. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for instituting a study for evaluating the traditional medicinal and health practices obtaining in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether government consider integrating the traditional system, after proper evaluation, with the modern system in our hospitals and institutes;

(d) whether any separate body been created for this purpose; and

(e) if so, what are the detailed terms and mandate given to such a body ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (e) There is a proposal for the establishment of a separate Institute for Traditional Medicine under the Indian Council of Medical Research for promoting evaluation of traditional remedies by modern Scientific methods. Once the traditional therapies have been so evaluated and found safe and effica-